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## **TAX-RETURN PREPARER SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE RETURNS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., tax-return preparer was sentenced in federal court today for filing false tax returns that claimed deductions and credits to which her clients were not entitled.

**Tina Christine Smith**, 49, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to one year and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 22, 2005, **Smith** pleaded guilty to aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of false and fraudulent tax returns. **Smith** was employed by H&R Block as a tax-return preparer for approximately 10 years until 2003, and operated her own business, Doctor T Tax Service, out of her home.

**Smith** admitted that she assisted at least 14 individuals to file false and fraudulent income tax returns for the tax years 2000 through 2003. **Smith** prepared returns with improper expenses or losses that enabled her clients to receive greater tax refunds than they were entitled to receive. For example, Schlozman said, those fraudulent income tax returns claimed fictitious and/or inflated Schedule A expenses (such as medical expenses, charitable contributions, and job expenses); fictitious Schedule C losses (such as business losses); fictitious Schedule D losses (such as monetary loan losses, fictitious education credits, and fictitious and/or inflated child care expenses).

**Smith** prepared at least 37 separate false and fraudulent income tax returns, resulting in a tax loss of approximately \$108,962.

**Smith's** clients will have to repay more than \$100,000 to the government, plus interest and penalties, for tax refunds they weren't entitled to receive.

This case was prosecuted by Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Roseann Ketchmark. It was investigated by IRS - Criminal Investigation.

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